the stock; and (ii) inventory control; and

(c) what are the reasons leading to excess stocking of Gypsum?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Gypsum is a by-product in the Phosphoric Acid Sections of Cochin and Udyogamandal Plants. Generally, it is waste material, except for very limited offtake by cement plants, and is dumped in the open. There is, therefore, no question of excess-stocking of gypsum by Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Proluction of sub-standard fertilizers by FACT

2214. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether is is a fact that the FACT is producing sub-standard super phosphate fertilizers; and

(b) if so, in what circumstances, and what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Joint venture fertilizer production

2215. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into joint ventures with other countries for the production of fertilizers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has entered into a joint venture with Senegal for production of phosphatic fertilizers in that country. The Senegal project will make an assured supply of 1.10 lakh tonnes of phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) per annum to Indian plants for manufacture of finished fertilisers. Government has also entered into a financial participation agreement with the Government of Nauru under which the Government of Nauru will have 40 per cent equity shares in the authorised capital of Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL) which is setting up a Di-ammonium Phosphate fertilizers plant in Paradeep (Orissa).

Production of Enythomycin

2216. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIERS be pleased to state:

(a) which of the units are producing Erythomycin and its salts from the basic stages and what is their production during the last three years, year-wise:

(b) whether the price of Erythomycin and its salts have been fixed; is so, the price of each;

(c) what is the present customs duty on Erythomycin Thiocynate and what was its import during 1984-85 and upto 30th June, 1985 by each unit alongwith source and landed cost per kg. of each consignment;

(d) whether it is a fact that customs duty was increased on this penultimate drug;

(e) if so, when and what was the duty imposed earlier and what is the present duty:

(f) whether it is a fact that certain units imported huge quantities of this drug before the increase in customs duty;

(g) if so, the quantity imported by each unit during the six months preceding the increase; and

(h) what was the stock of this penultimate with each unit at the time of increase of duty?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Names of the units producing Erythromycin from basic stage and their production during the last three years, year-wise to the extent available is as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Production		
		1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
1	I.D.P.L.	—	1.10	—
2	Alembic Chemicals	14.70	17.75	9.00

(b) The price presently fixed under the Drugs (Prices Control), Order 1979 is given below:—

	Rs. kg.
Erythromycin base	2220.62
Erythromycin Estolate	1992.50
Erythromycin Stearate	1648.00

(c) to (e) In September, 1984 Customs Duty on Erythromycin Thio Cyanate was increased from 25 per cent ad valorem to the normal level. The present rate of Custom duty is 70 per cent basic, 40 per cent countervailing and 12 per cent auxiliary Import date for 1984-85 and for 1985-86 (upto July) are not yet available.

(f) There is no information to this effect with this Ministry.

(g) Does not arise.

(h) These details are not available.

Guidelines laid down about ratio parameter

2217 SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2011 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 1984 and state:

(a) what were the guidelines laid down by Government in 1980 about Ratio Parameter;

(b) what was the reaction of each of the Drug Associations and what was the suggestion of each;

(c) whether any fresh guidelines have been announced in spite of the fact that five years have passed;

(d) whether it is a fact that glaring irregularity came to the notice in the case of Fairdeal Corporation who took notional and maximum selling price of bulk drugs while calculating the ex-factory value;

(e) if so, what action was taken against the Company and Chartered Accountant who certified; and

(f) what was the ex-factory value of production of bulk drugs of Geoffary Manners, Abbott, Pfizer, Lyka Labs Roche, Sandoz. Hoechst, Glaxo during the last three years. yearwise alongwith the quantity and value of each drug taken in calculation?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: (a) to (c) During 1980, this Ministry attempted to lay down uniform guidelines for calculation of ex-factory value for the purpose of working out ratio parameters. The guidelines were that the basis of valuation of production of bulk drugs and formulations would be the rates at which the closing stock of bulk drugs and formulations are valued and shown in the balance-sheet of the relevant accounting year. The guide-